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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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SUBJECT: STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS

1. THIS MORNING ABOUT 2,000 SECONDARY STUDENTS ARE STAGING A PEACEFUL SIT-DOWN DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN ASMARA. THEY ARE CLOSELY WATCHED BY ABOUT 30 MEMBERS OF THE COMMANDO POLICE, SOME OF WHOM ARE IN RIOT GEAR.

2. THE CAUSE OF THE DEMONSTRATION IS THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE SCHOOL LEAVING EXAM FROM 13 MAY TO 17 JUNE. THE STUDENTS ARE CONCERNED THAT AN EXAM AS LATE AS 17 JUNE WILL NOT ALLOW THEM TO ENTER THE UNIVERSITY OF ASMARA. THEY ARE ALSO DEMANDING A SEPARATE ENTRANCE EXAM FOR ASMARA UNIVERSITY. THEIR SIGNS CARRY THE FOLLOWING: " WE DEMAND OUR EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS", "WE REGRET LAST YEAR, NOW WE WANT TO LEARN" (ASMARA SECONDARY SCHOOLS WERE ON STRIKE MOST OF THE LAST SCHOOL YEAR). "SET A COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE DROUGHT IN THE

VILLAGES" (PRESUMABLY ERITREA).

3. THE STUDENTS FEEL THAT THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE TO SUFFER FOR THE DEMONSTRATIONS OF STUDENTS IN ADDIS.

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4. THERE IS NO APPARENT DANGER TO AMERICAN CITIZENS AT
THIS TIME.
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